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MPD Winter storm response

During the present winter weather event, dangerous driving conditions, power outages and property damage has occurred. MPD officers have responded to traffic issues including power outages at intersections, motor vehicle crashes and motorist assists. Officers will continue to identify areas that need priority attention from road crews.

A summary of the calls for service follows. (February 16 and 17, 2015)

Motor Vehicle Accident – Property Damage	20
Motor Vehicle Accident – Injury	4
Motorist Assist	22
Road Hazards	153

Other winter weather information:

- If it is not necessary to be on the roads, please stay home.
 - Vehicle Preparation: Motorists should check the fluid levels of their vehicles, particularly washer fluid and anti-freeze, to make sure that they are at adequate levels. Tires should be inspected to ensure that they are properly inflated and have sufficient tread depth. Motorists should equip their vehicles with a snow shovel, ice scraper, jumper cables, a flashlight, cell phone, and some warm clothing and blankets. Additionally, motorists are reminded to completely clear their vehicles of snow and ice prior to driving. Clearing vehicles of snow and ice enhances the safety of all motorists by providing an unobstructed view to the operator. Also, be cautious of warming up your vehicle unattended as they may become a target for car thieves.
 - Reduce Speed: Most winter weather related crashes are caused by "spin-outs" and vehicles sliding off the road due to excessive speeds for the road and weather conditions. Speed limits are set for driving under optimal, dry conditions. If road and weather conditions are adverse, it may be more reasonable and proper to operate at a speed that is well below the posted limit.
 - Leave extra space between vehicles: Under optimal driving conditions, motorists should leave at least one car length for every ten miles per hour between them and the vehicle in front of them. If the road and weather conditions are adverse, that distance should be significantly increased in order to afford for increased stopping distances.
 - Dial 911 in roadway emergencies: In any weather conditions, motorists who become disabled or encounter an emergency on the roadways should dial 911 and report their location and the nature of the emergency. Motorists should always be aware of their location, noting the route they are traveling on and the number of the exit they most recently passed. Non-emergency calls should be made to 615-893-1311.
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